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TO

Amend the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts.

A.D. 1902.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1902, and shall be construed as one with the Public Libraries Act (Ireland), 1855 (herein-after referred to as the principal Act), and the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1894. Short title and construction.
2. The principal Act may be adopted for any rural district by the rural district council, and the provisions of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1894, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to such rural district and rural district council as if the same were an urban district and urban authority respectively. Rural district councils may adopt the principal Act.
3. On the adoption of the principal Act for a rural district, the rural district council shall be the library authority for such rural district. Library authority.
4. The amount of the rate to be levied in any district for which the principal Act is adopted shall not exceed the sum of *twopence* in the pound, and section eight of the principal Act shall be amended accordingly. Limitation on expenditure.
5. Any library authority may enter into agreements with the managers of any school for the use of such school as a library, and for the care of the books, and the management of the library, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed by and between such library authority and school managers. Use of schools as libraries.
6. Any county council may, out of the funds at its disposal for technical education, make a grant-in-aid to any library authority for the purchase of books by such library authority, or towards the maintenance of any public library belonging to or established by any such library authority. County councils may make grants.

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Offences.

7. The Libraries Offences Act, 1898, shall apply to any library established under the principal Act.

Byelaws.

8. The provisions of the Public Libraries Act, 1901, enabling a library authority to make byelaws, and otherwise relating to such byelaws, shall extend to Ireland with the substitution of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, 1855 to 1902, for the principal Act, and of sections two hundred and nineteen to two hundred and twenty-three of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, for sections one hundred and eighty-two to one hundred and eighty-six of the Public Health Act, 1875, and of the expression "sanitary authority" for "local authority."

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